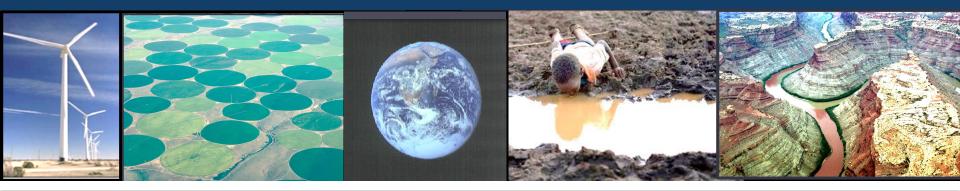
#### Exceptional service in the national interest





# **Energy-Water-Food-Ecosystems**Global Interdependencies and Trends

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# Two main messages



- 1. Energy, water, agriculture/food, and ecosystem services are all connected.
  - This is a no brainer—one Earth, one atmosphere, one biosphere, etc.
  - How are they connected? That's the question . . .
- 2. Three robust, long-term, slow-to-change global trends are critical.
  - Population is increasing.
  - Consumption of all resources (water-energy-food, ecosystems services) is increasing.
  - Resource availability is decreasing.

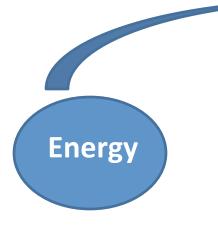
# No Gloom and Doom!







#### Pumping, purification, transport

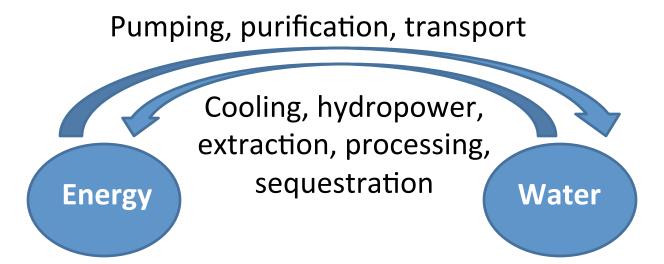


~3% of all US electricity is used to pump, treat and transport water, often representing municipalities' single largest operating expense.



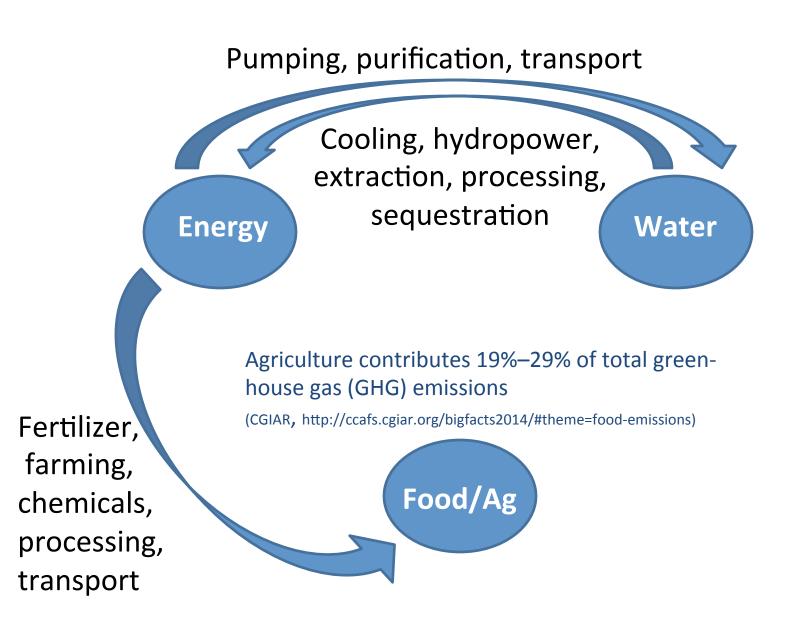
In California, transport, treatment, and heating of water accounts for 20% of electricity consumption.

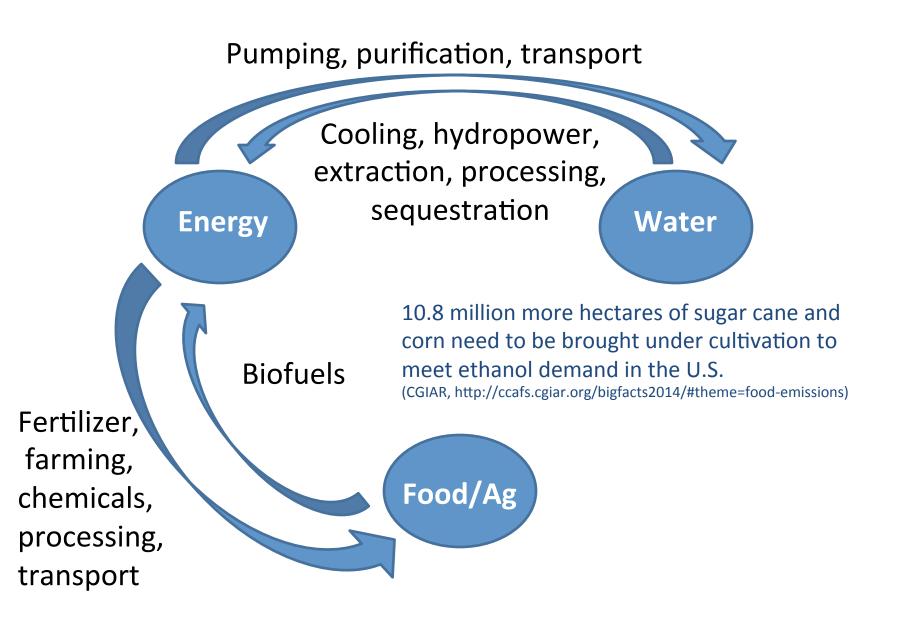


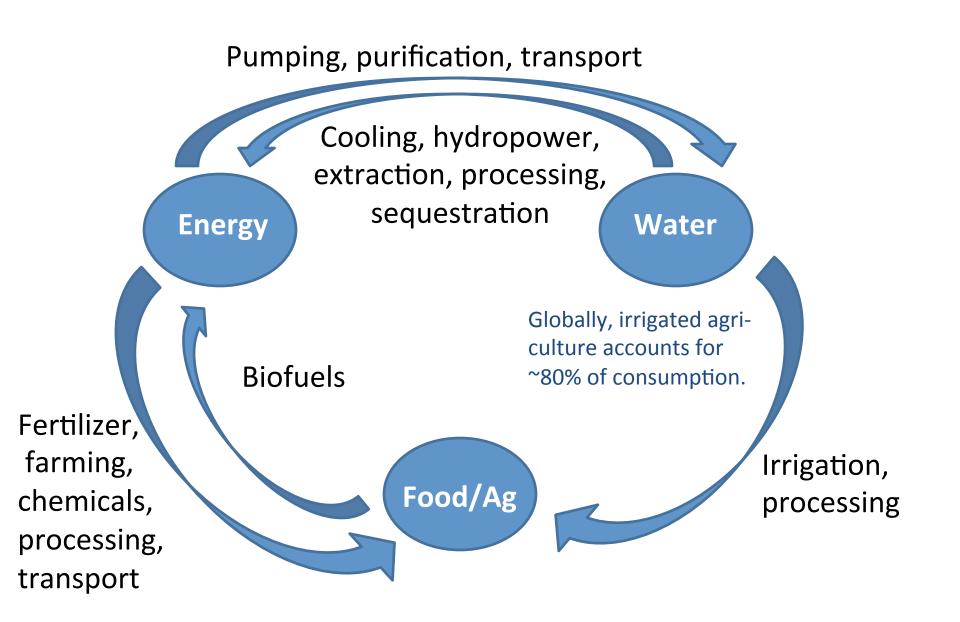


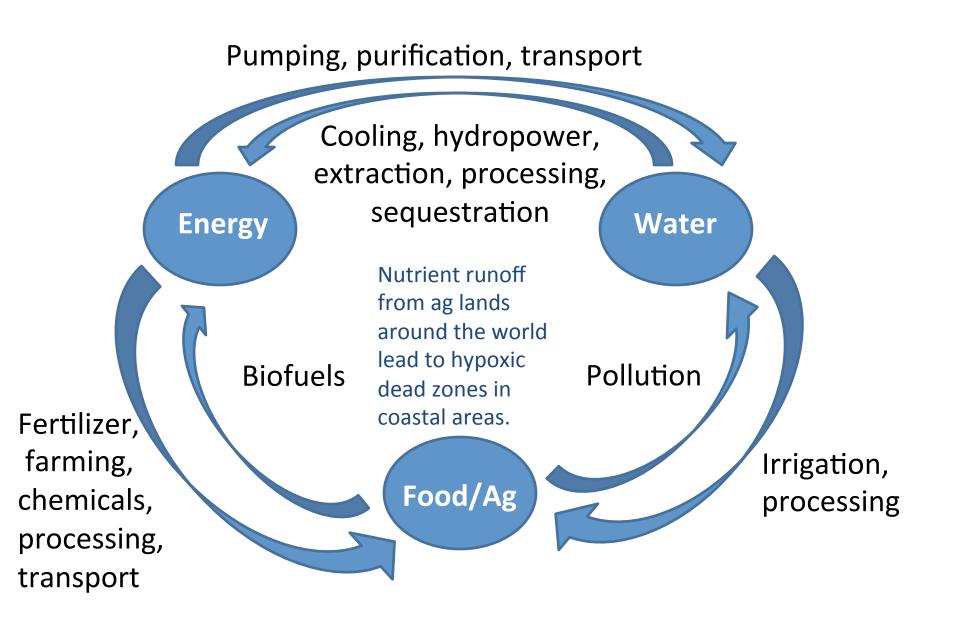
About 40% of U.S. water withdrawals are to cool thermoelectric power plants. This amount is roughly equal to the withdrawals for agriculture. Only about 3% is consumed.

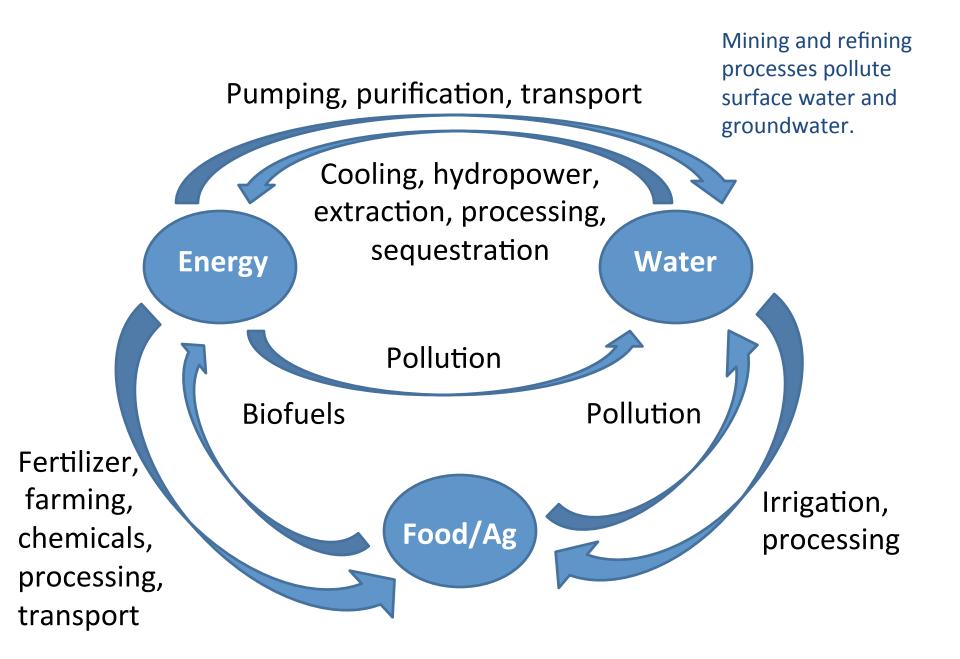


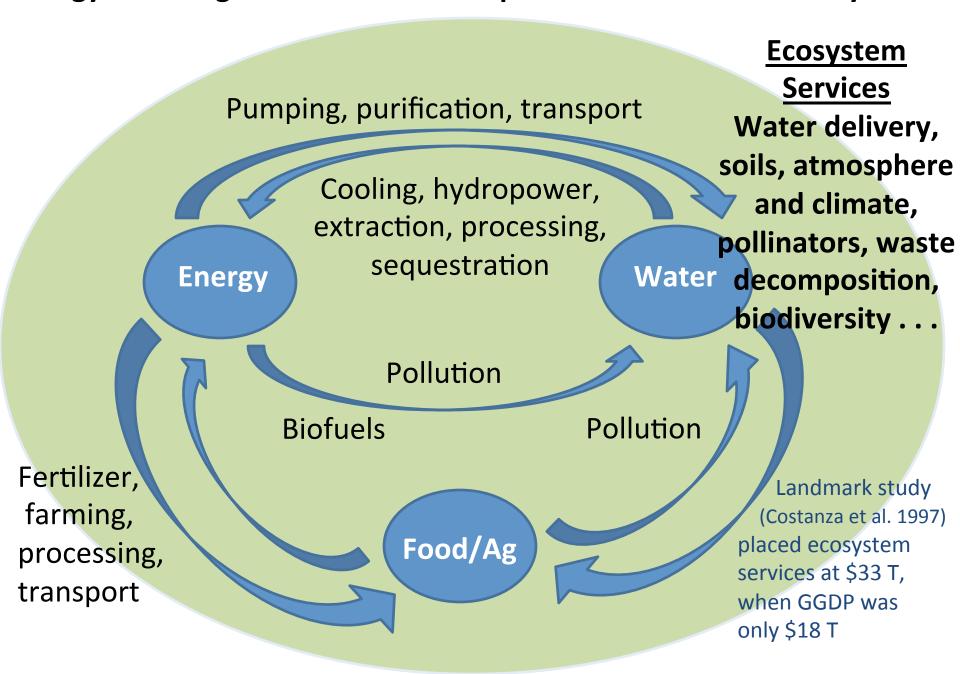


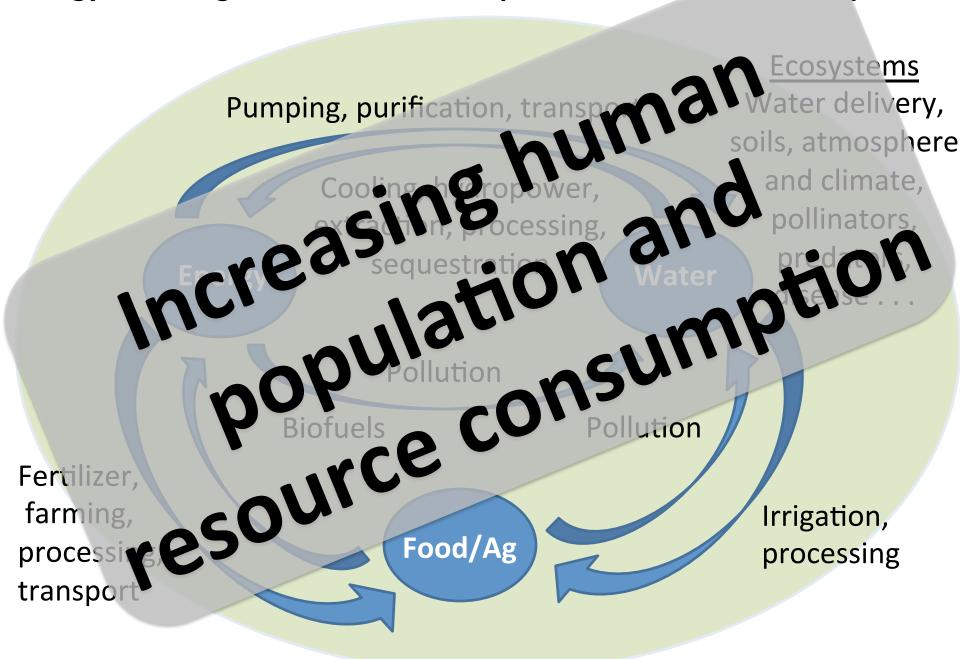


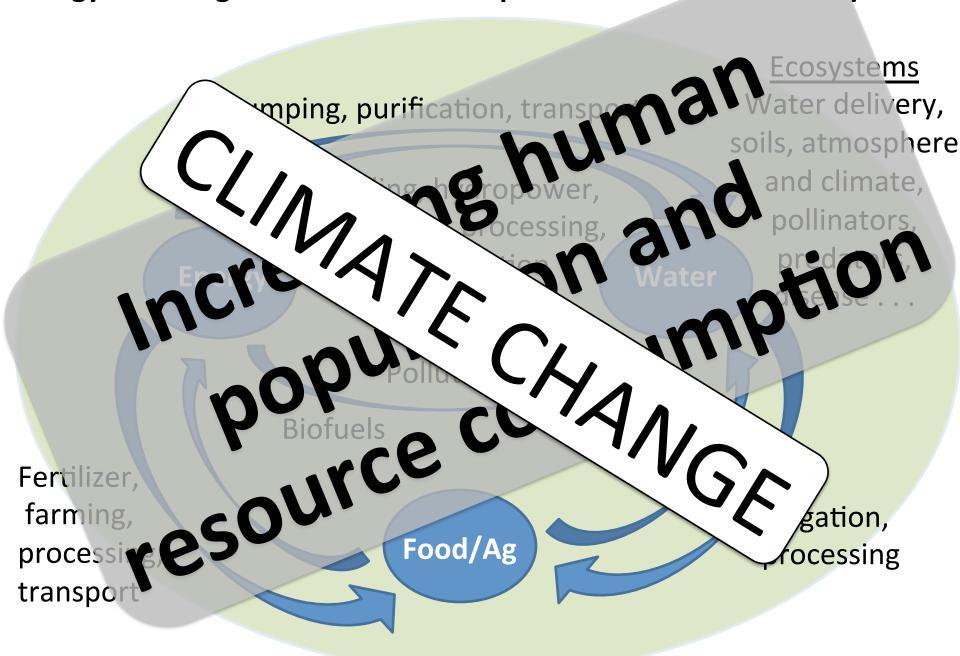




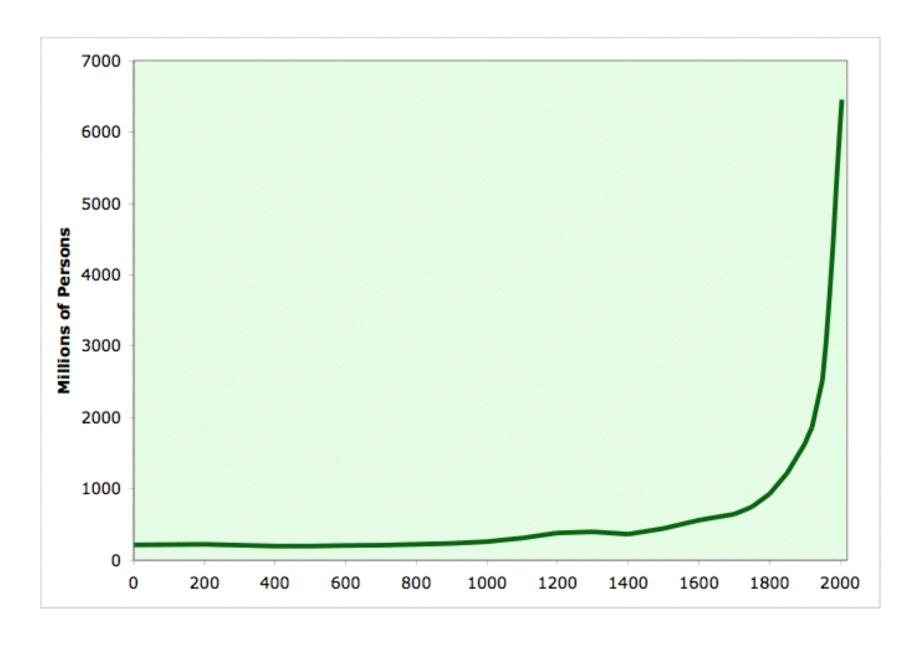








#### Population growth, long-term and global



#### Population growth, UN Projections to 2100

tion of 7.2 billion in mid-2013 is projected to increase by almost 1 billion people within the next 12 years, reaching 8.1 billion in 2025, and to further increase to 9.6 billion in 2050 and 10.9 billion

UN World Population Prospects, the 2012 Revision.

by 2100.

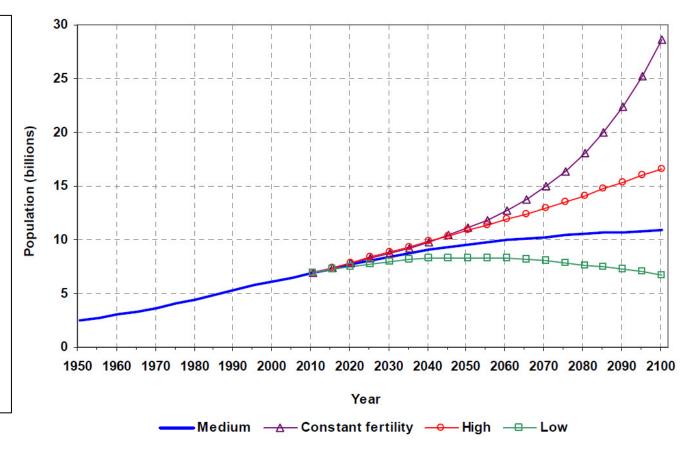
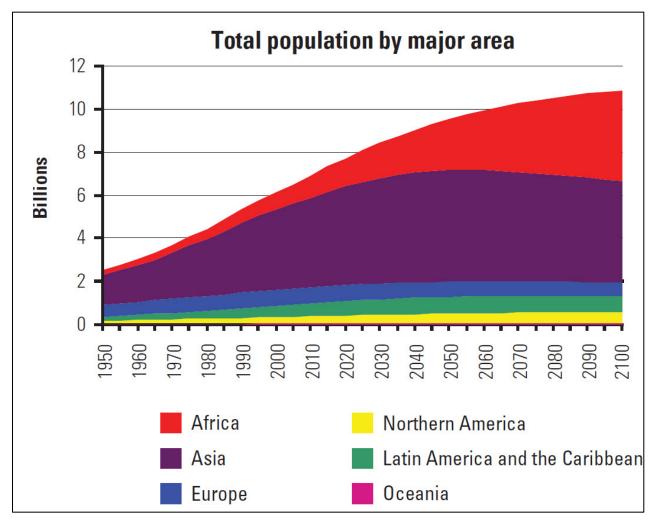


Figure 1. Population of the world, 1950-2100, according to different projections and variants

Source: Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat (2013). World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision. New York: United Nations.

#### Population growth by region



Thirty five of the UN's 49 'least developed countries' (many in Africa) could see population increase by factor of 3.

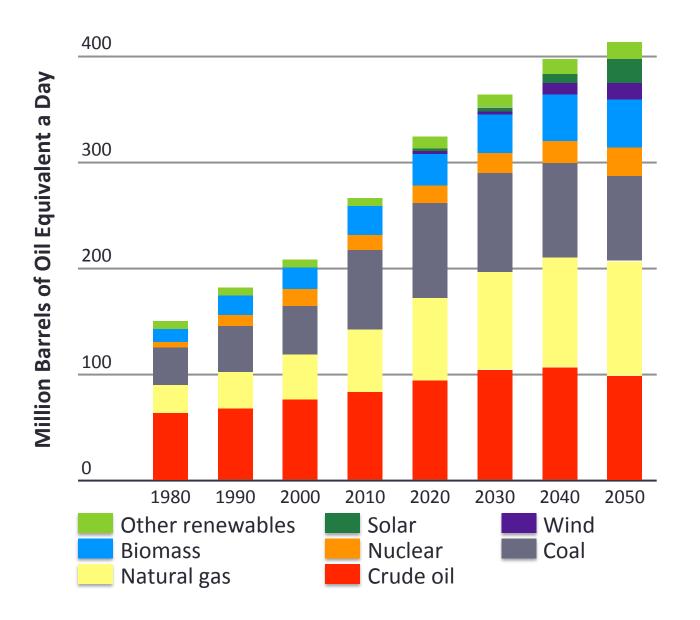
Eight countries could see population increase by a factor of 5: Burundi, Malawi, Niger, Nigeria, Somalia, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia

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## **Energy demand will increase by ~50%**



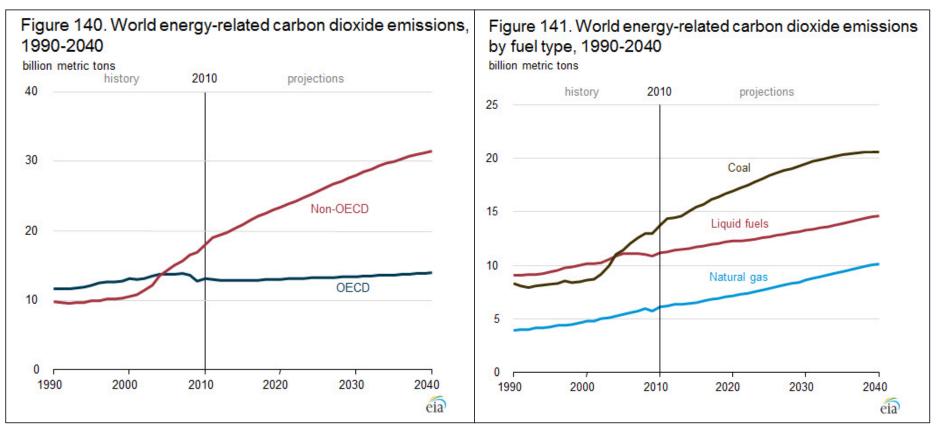


#### Projected Global Energy Demand to 2050

Shell Sustainability
Report 2012
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## Declining energy availability??

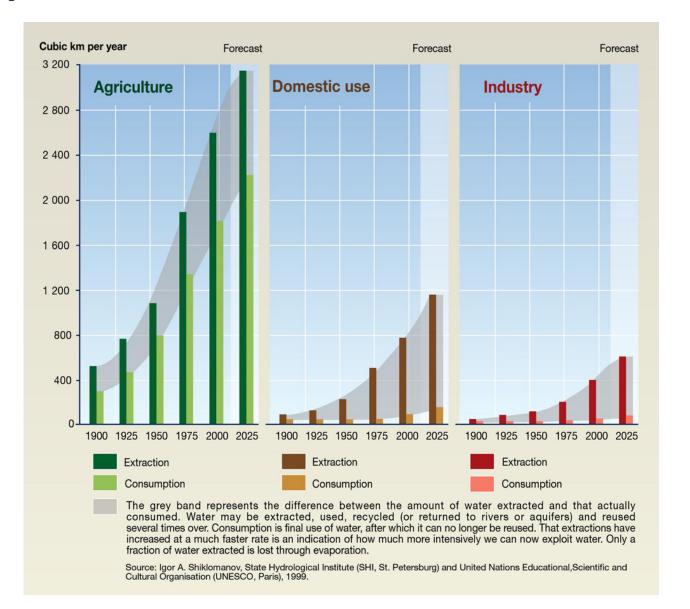




The atmosphere's ability to absorb our waste while remaining 'stable' is an ecosystem service.

# Water consumption will increase by ~50% in 2050

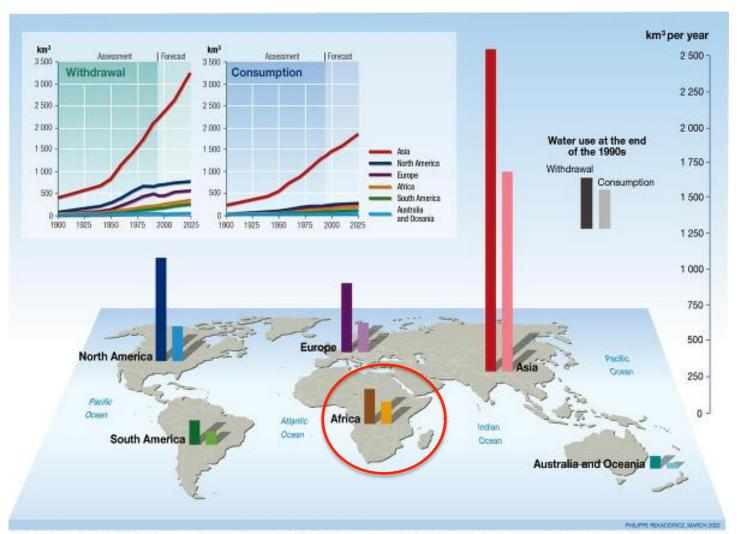




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#### **Current global water setting**



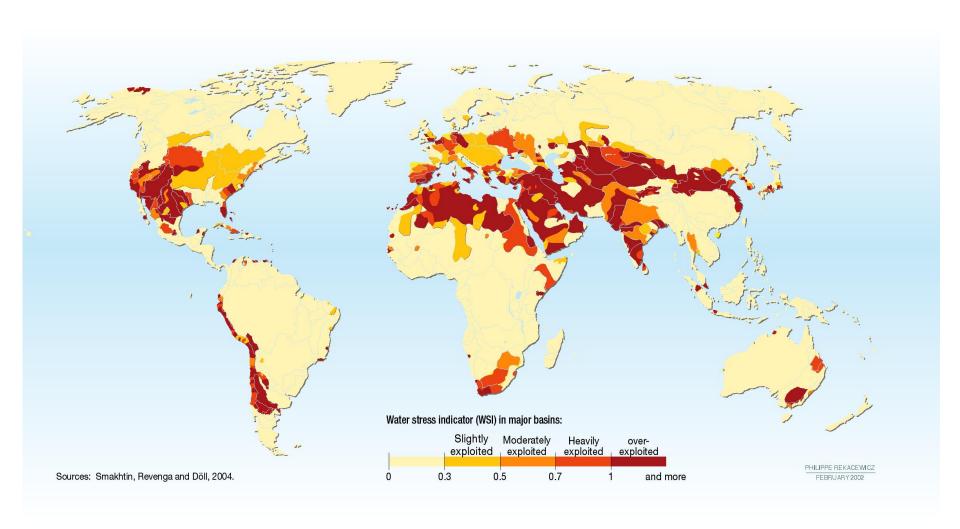


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#### **Current water stress**

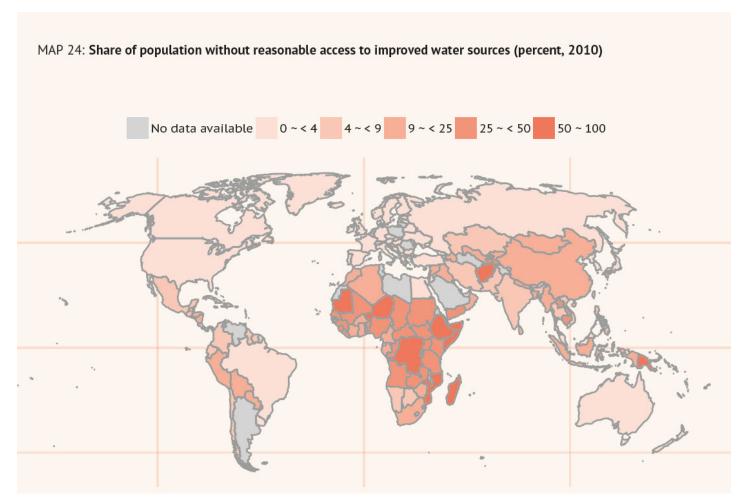




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#### **Current water scarcity**





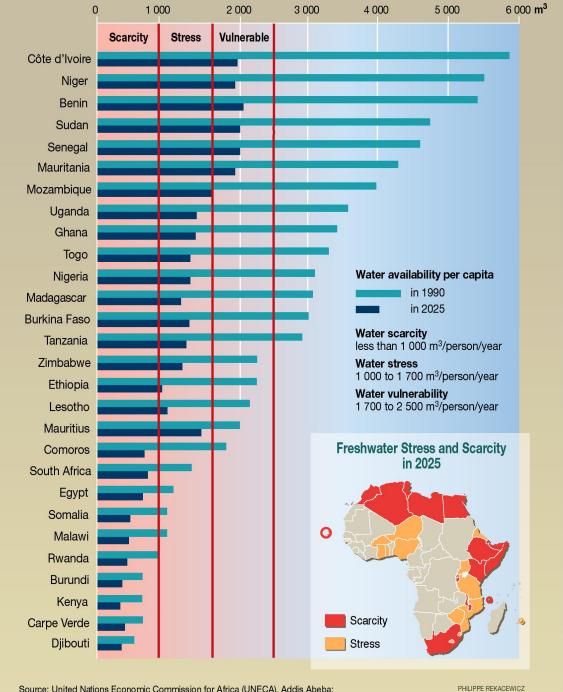
Share of population without reasonable access to water for sanitation is about the same.

# Current and future water stress in Africa

Unit is m<sup>3</sup>/person/yr

#### **Other Countries**

Greenland	10.7M
Canada	94,000
Brazil	48,000
Sierra Leon	36,000
Namibia	10,000
Zambia	10,000
United States	9,000

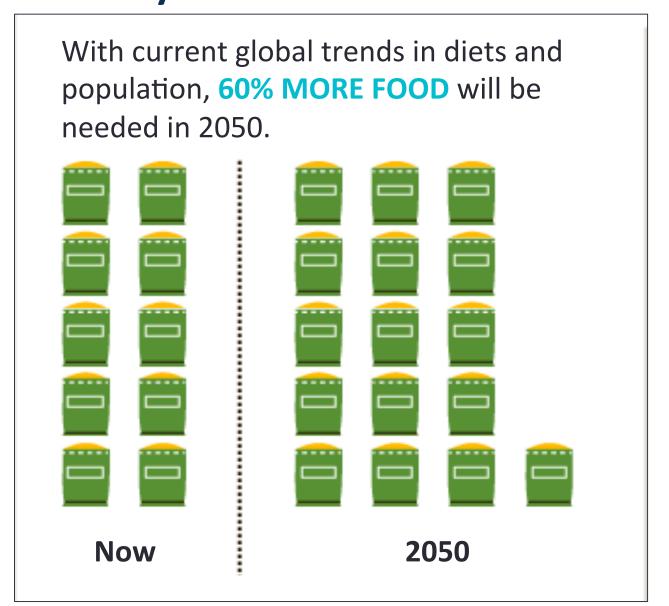


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# Food demand will increase by ~50% by 2050



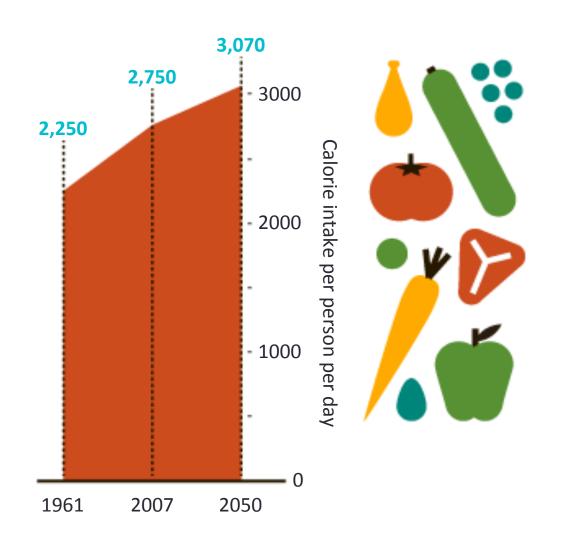


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## Increasing economy = increasing calories . . .



Average calorie consumption is rising.

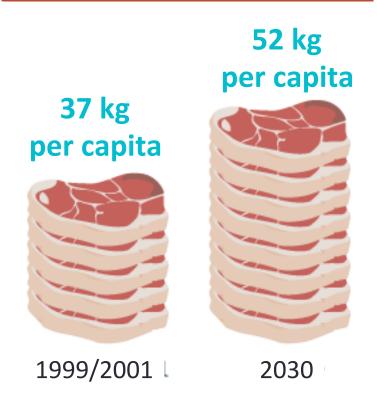


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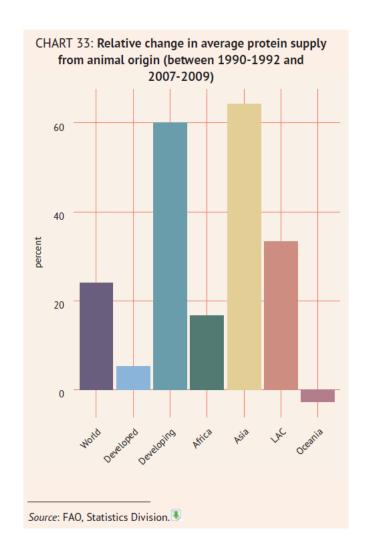
#### And more calories in meat and dairy



#### **Global Meat Consumption**

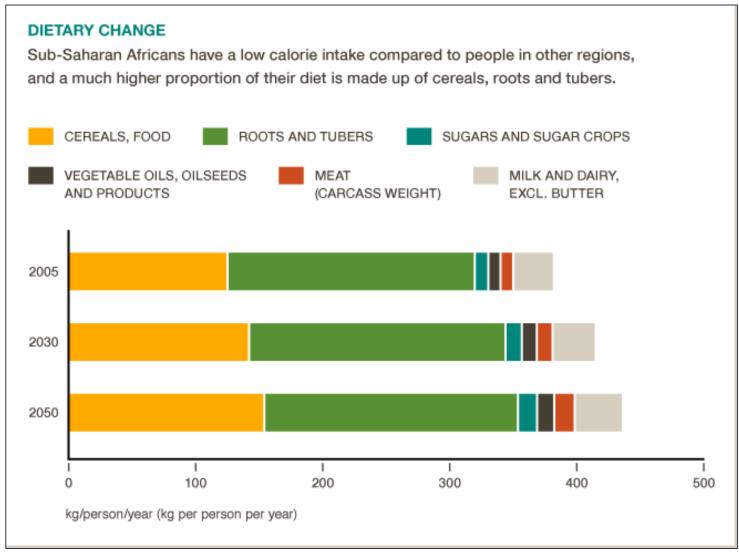


http://www.unwater.org/water-cooperation-2013/water-cooperation/facts-and-figures/en/



## **Increasing food demand**





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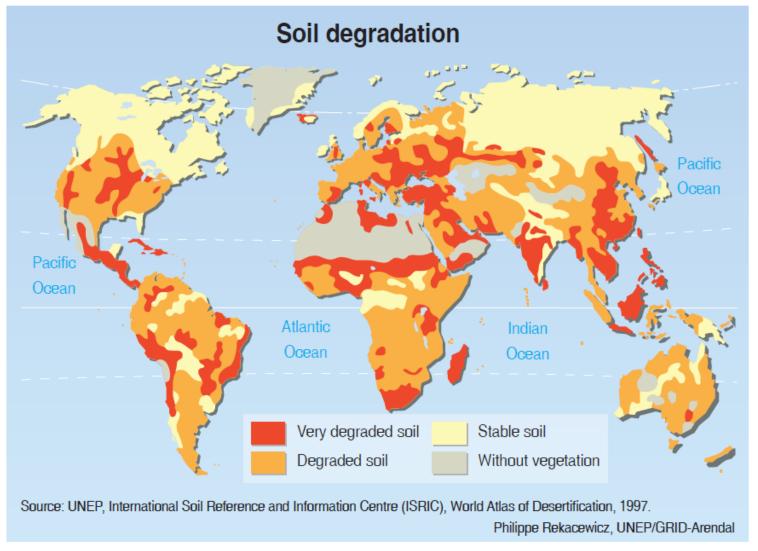
#### Food insecurity is complicated!



- Food MDGs are being met and hunger reduced in many places around the world
  - But not Africa
- Yields of grains, farmed fish, and meat are increasing
  - But rates of increase for grains are getting smaller
  - Grain stocks are decreasing
  - Ecosystem services are being impaired
  - Natural fisheries are declining
- Distribution is critical
- Many pressures
  - Increasing population and food demand
  - Declining water availability
  - Rising energy costs (fertilizer, diesel fuel, transport, refrigeration)
  - Climate change

#### **Current setting for future food insecurity**

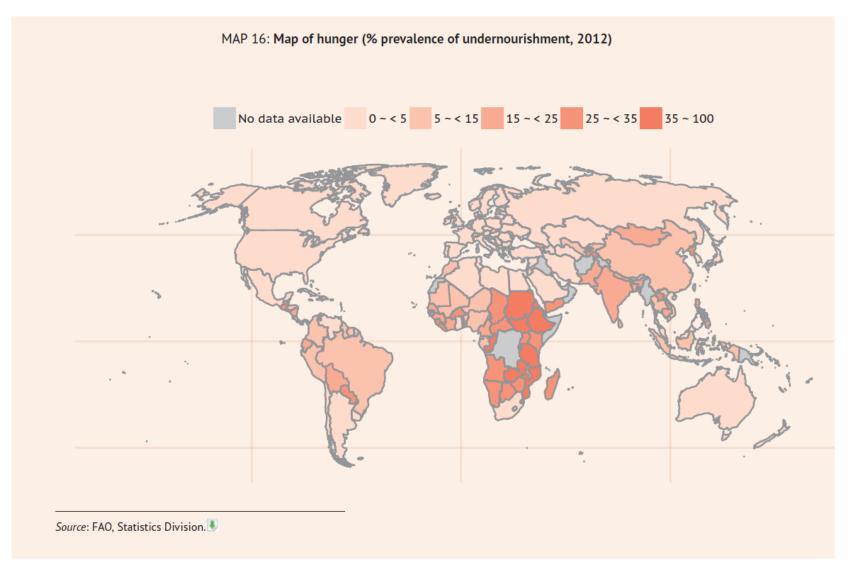




Soil is the product of ecosystem services.

## **Current setting for future food insecurity**





UN Food and Agriculture Organization Statistical Yearbook 2013

# Potential solutions to water-energyagriculture-ecosystem problems



- Reduce population growth rates.
- Separate consumption from quality of life.
- Travel less.
- Eat less meat and dairy.
- Increase efficiencies, waste less.
- Developed world supports 'sustainable' economic development in developing world.
- Invest \$83B in ag in developing countries (UN FAO 'How to Feed the World in 2050, <a href="http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/wsfs/docs/expert\_paper/How to Feed the World in 2050.pdf">http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/wsfs/docs/expert\_paper/How to Feed the World in 2050.pdf</a>

## Potential solutions (continued)



- Create an 'enabling investment environment' for ag, including well functioning input and output markets, improved infrastructure, and better finance and risk management tools. (UN Food and Agriculture Organization Statistical Yearbook 2013)
- Enhance food access by fighting poverty and creating social safety nets. (UN FAO 'How to Feed the World in 2050, <a href="http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/wsfs/docs/expert paper/">http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/wsfs/docs/expert paper/</a>
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- Subsidize and incentivize sustainability.
- Use new modeling capabilities to evaluate tradeoffs associated with different future strategies for energywater-ag-ecosystem services management.
- Think big, and think out of the box.



# Thanks very much.

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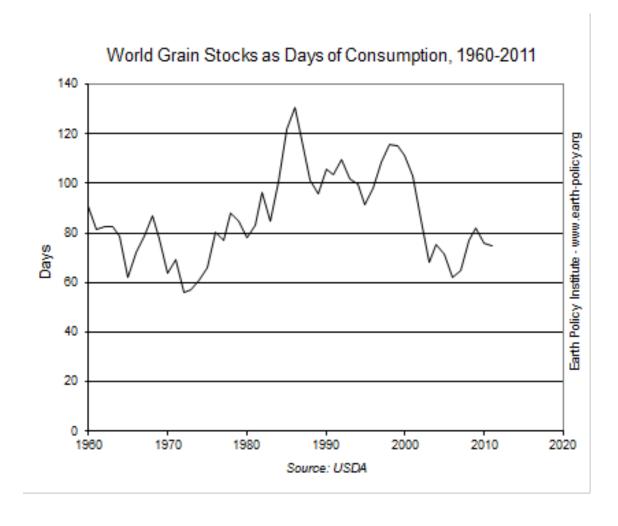
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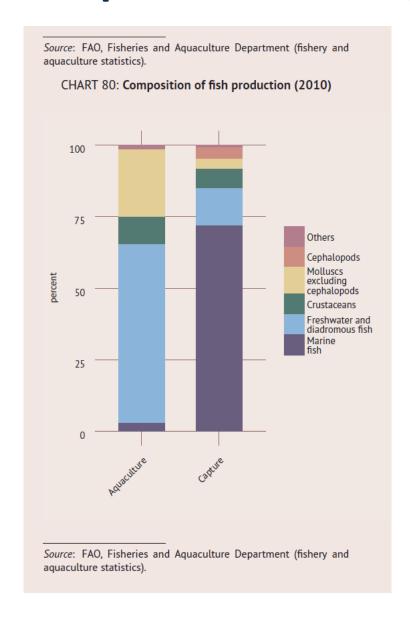
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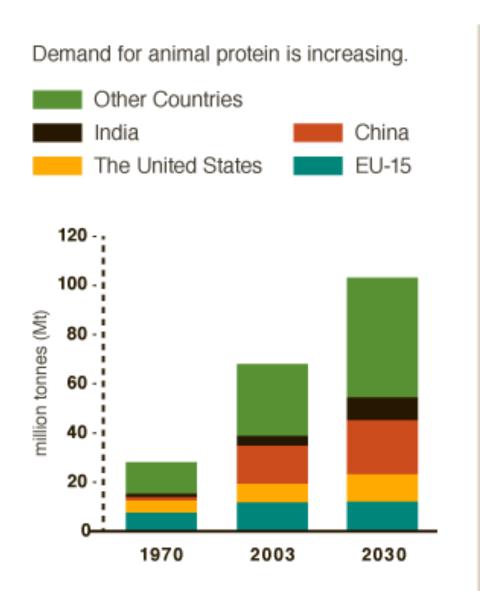
# **Composition of fish production**





#### **Increasing food demand**

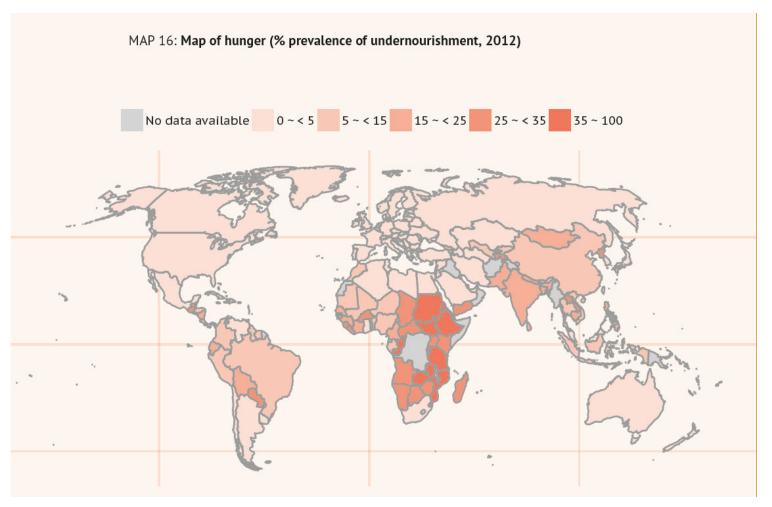




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#### **Prevalence of undernourishment**



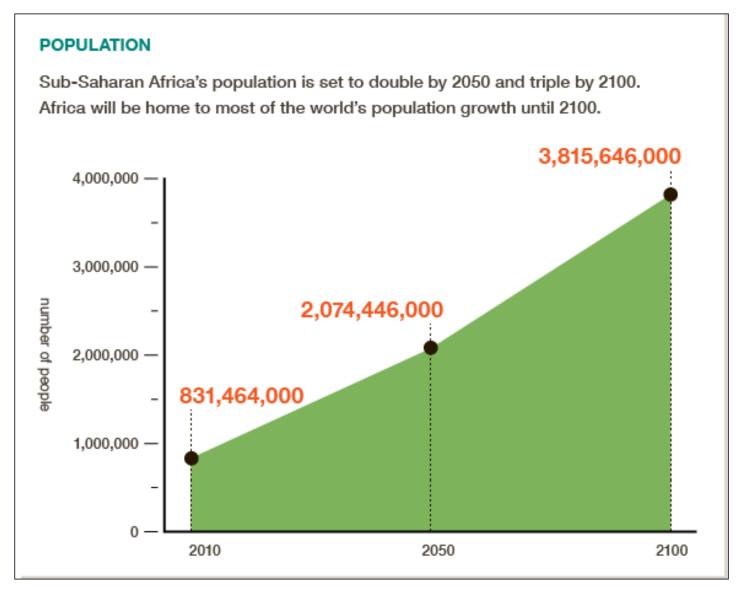


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#### **Population growth**

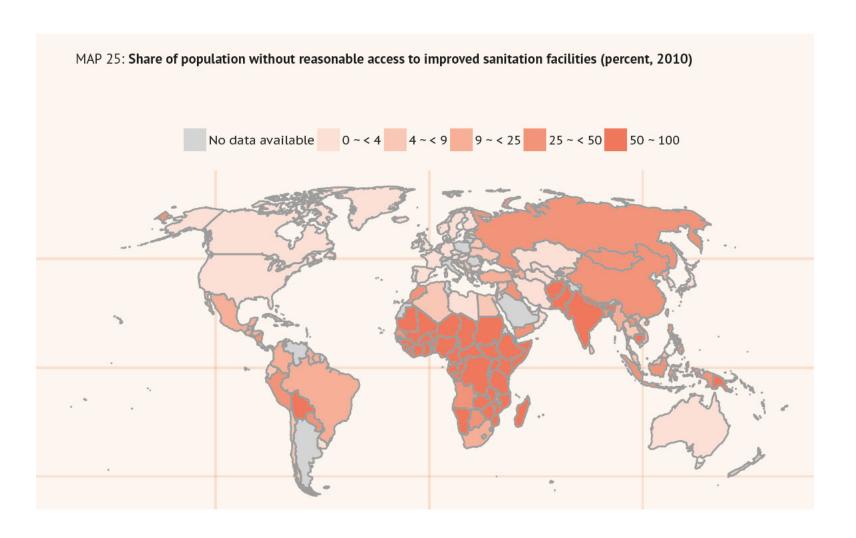


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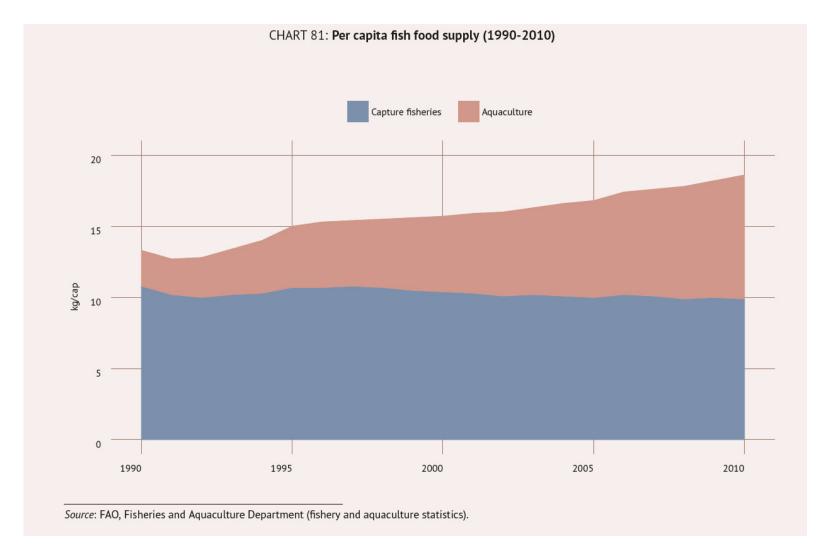
# Population without water for sanitation Sandia National Laboratories





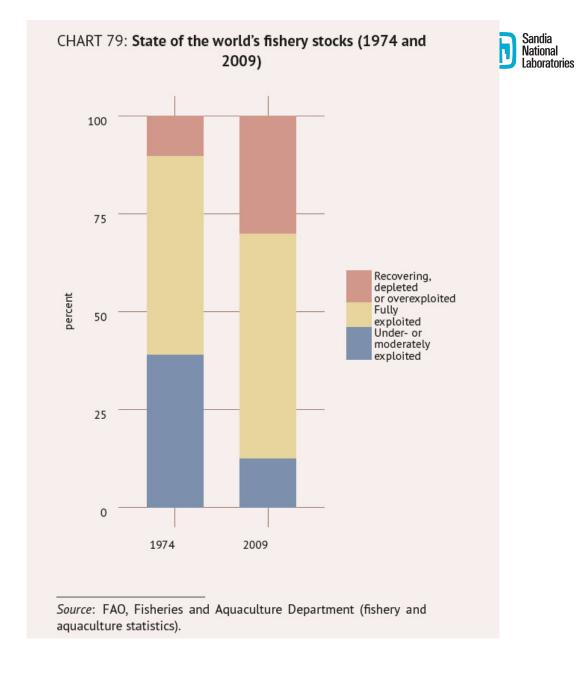
# Per capita fish supply





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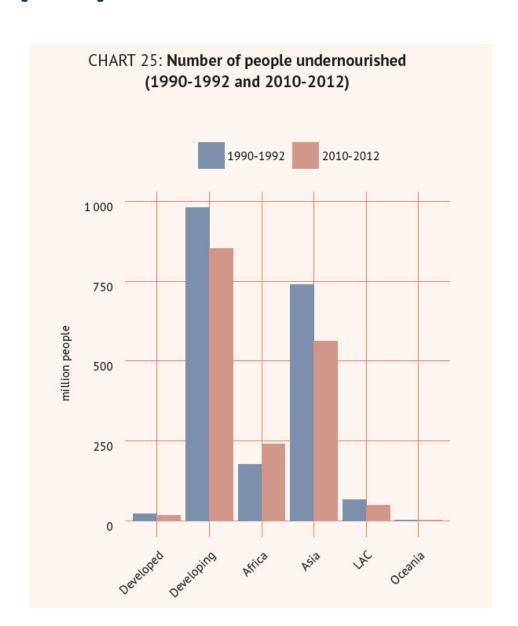
# **Fishery stocks**



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# Undernourished people

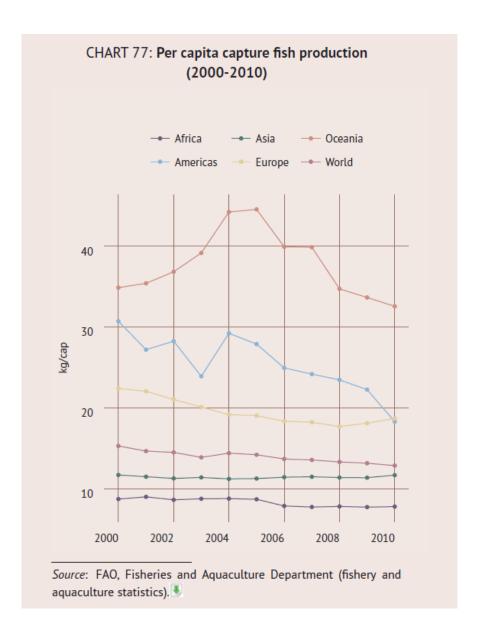


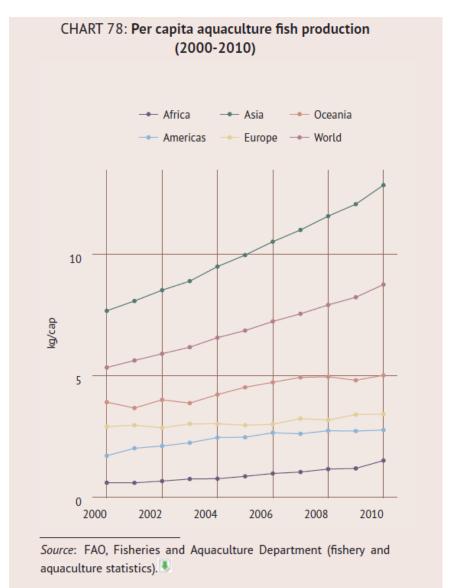


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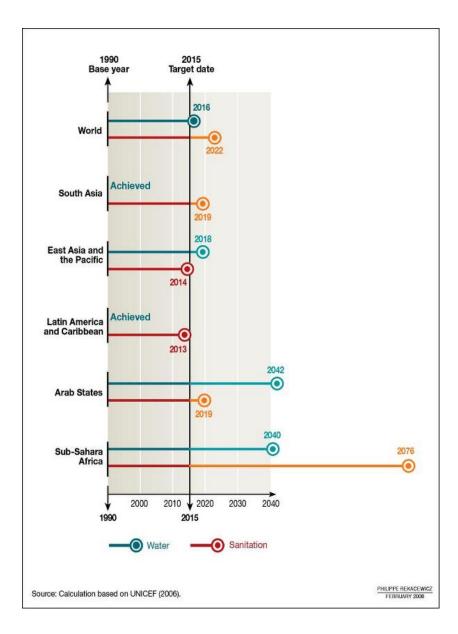




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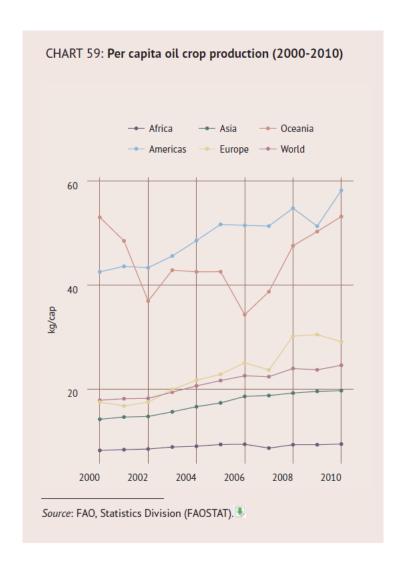
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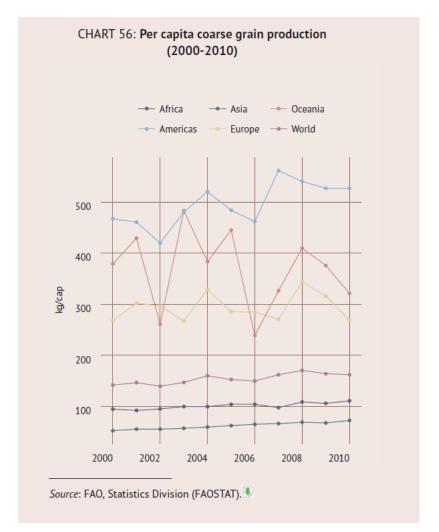
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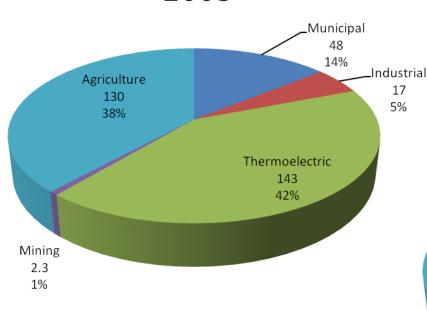




# Water for thermoelectric power generation



Water Withdrawal (BGD) 2005



Water Consumption (BGD) 1995

